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1. Ration Strengths:

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a. Of division units of Motorized Rifle Division Prenzlau

| | <u>20 January</u> | <u>11 February</u> |
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| Division headquarters | 128 | 129 |
| Headquarters company | 66 | 66 |
| Motor vehicles, supply | 73 | 84 |
| Motor vehicle repair shop | 45 | 46 |
| Reconnaissance battalion | 74 | 77 |
| Signal battalion | | |
| Flash-ranging-sound- | | |
| ranging platoon | 702 | 694 |
| Bakery company | | |
| Motor transport school | | |
| Hospital | 83 | 92 |
| Soviet advisers | 12 | 12 |
| Medical course | - | 34 |
| | 1,183 | 1,234 |

b. Of Motorized Rifle Regt Muenster

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| Hq and Hq units | 113 | 127 |
| Regimental school | 115 | 109 |
| 1st Bn | 303 | 306 |
| 2d Bn | | 217 |

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| 3d Bn | 116 | 109 |
| Reconnaissance unit | 32 | 31 |
| Signal unit | 38 | 33 |
| Engineer unit | 43 | 42 |
| AT artillery, AAA, mortar and SP unit | 161 | 155 |
| Dispensary and detention rooms | 32 | 26 |
| | <u>1,156</u> | <u>1,155</u> |

31 December 1954 10 February 1955

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| c. Of 1st Mtz Rifle Regt Pinnow | 1,253 | 1,253 |
| Of 3d Mtz Rifle Regt Torgelow | 1,089 | 1,251 |
| Of Artillery Regiment Torgelow | 1,022 | 983 |
| Of Tank SP Regt Torgelow | 580 | 580 |

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2. After 15 January 1955, combat firing practices by all units of the division were conducted. In detail, the following exercises were observed:

From 12 to 14 January: Combat firing by division reconnaissance battalion during daytime and at night in the area of Aalbeck.

On 11 January: Battalion exercise of the reinforced 1st Bn in the airfield area.

On 15 January: Exercise by the 2d and III Bns in the same area.

On 18 January: Practice march over more than 50 km with all vehicles of the artillery units of the regiment in the area of Schoenermark, Kreis Prenzlau. All weapons of the artillery units and of the 1st Bn were taken along.

From 24 to 28 January: Winter exercise for all rifle and motorcycle units of Div Prenzlau in the area of Gross Schoenebeck.

On 27/28 January: Officers of the Regiment Muentner engaged in a map exercise which was to be actually conducted in the terrain by the 2d Mtz Rifle Regt in February 1955.

From 31 January to 1 February: The division signal battalion of approximately 160 men practiced in the area of Gross Schoenebeck. 2

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3. From 7 to 13 February, a course for all commanding officers of independent units of the division, chiefs of staffs, political deputies, deputy supply officers and motor transport, supply and maintenance officers was held. The course was presided over by Colonel and Chief of Staff Lieutenant Colonel Sommer (fnu). The [REDACTED] the following:

- a. Political indoctrination
- b. Tactics with emphasis on infantry tactics
- b. Atomic warfare and warfare in areas contaminated by atomic explosions

During the course of the meeting, the first atomic-protective suits were said to have been shown. The first delivery of such suits was said to have already arrived at the 2d Mecz Regt. Another course entitled "decontamination of areas" was to be held for NCOs from 14 to 18 February.

4. Since the employment of NCOs in the recruiting campaign proved a failure, [REDACTED] will be employed for this purpose in the future. [REDACTED] urgently needed since the regiment is to be brought up to authorized strength and numerous KVP are due to be discharged in the summer of 1955.

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5. [REDACTED] the quartering capacity was to be as follows:

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| Motorized Rifle Regiment | : | 40 dormitories with 1,600 men |
| Artillery Regiment | : | 14 dormitories with 840 to 860 men |
| Tank SP Regt | : | 8 dormitories with 340 men. |

The special sections were not mentioned in the plan. It was learned that the quarters would not be occupied to capacity yet. 3

1. [REDACTED] Comment. The ration strengths slightly changed compared to those of 30 November 1954 and 8 January 1955. Of interest is the arrival of almost 200 men with the 3d Mtz Rifle Regt since 1 January. [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. The training program corresponds with information from other division areas. Since 31 January exercises by Soviet units which involved KVP units from Torgelow have been conducted in the area of Zehdenick-Gross Schoenebeck-Gross Doelln. [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. The reported figures do not furnish exact data about the authorized and actual strengths. The tank SP regiment, for example, had a ration strength of 551 men on 30 November. It must be considered, however, that the officers and some of the NCOs are housed in special residences rather than in the EM quarters. [REDACTED]

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